

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

Each of the amended independent claims now on file specify the following two elements.

(1) The invention comprises recording area managing means for recording the number of data recorded areas assignable to each object in each of the one or more tables; and

(2) the number of recording areas of the table to be assessed is specified by checking said recording area managing means in response to the data assessing request.

By incorporating the foregoing limitations in the claims, each of the amended claims distinguish over the cited prior art references. None of the prior art references cited and applied by the examiner include the recording area managing means as presently claimed in the independent claims. In addition to the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the amendment to the independent claims renders moot the examiner's comment in response to Applicant's arguments submitted on March 5, 2005. the examiner in his response has dismissed the arguments previously submitted as based on "intended use". It is respectfully submitted that the claims as pending clearly set

forth how the structure of the present invention is specifically able to achieve a constant processing speed independent of the amount of data processed. The further limitations added to the claims clearly distinguish over the prior art and render the scope of the claims commensurate with the arguments presented herein as well as Applicant's last filed amendment.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims as pending patentably define over the art of record and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

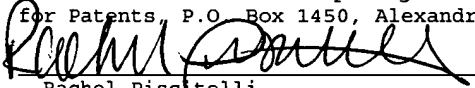
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